

1. An improved filter comprising a downflow filter having crumb rubber particles made from tires as a filter media, said downflow filter having a top and a bottom, wherein a flow to be filtered enters said top of said downflow filter and exits said bottom of said downflow filter, and wherein said crumb rubber particles are compressible and porosity between said crumb rubber particles decrease through said down flow filter from said top to said bottom of said downflow filter due to pressure on each of said crumb rubber particles.

15. A method of filtering a liquid comprising passing the liquid into a top of a downflow filter such that the liquid passes through a media of crumb rubber particles made from tires and out a bottom of the downflow filter, said downflow filter having a top and a bottom, wherein a flow to be filtered enters said top of said downflow filter and exits said bottom of said downflow filter, and wherein said crumb rubber particles are compressible and porosity between said crumb rubber particles decrease through said down flow filter from said top to said bottom of said downflow filter due to pressure on each of said crumb rubber particles.